



into LIFE Study guide



God and Science
For Individuals and Life Groups
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Introduction:

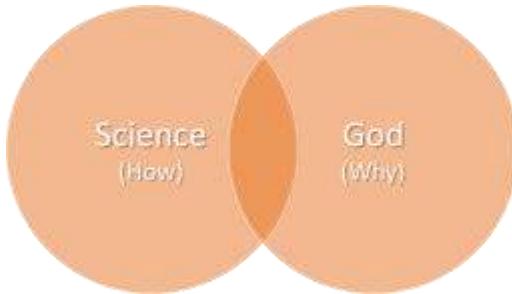
Are we alone in a purposeless universe or is there some kind of creator – some kind of higher power out there? Why do bad things happen to good people? These are questions that many of us have asked.

The Bible does not specifically address the debate we have today regarding God and science. Are their ideas present in the Bible that reveal how we can approach this issue? What is the relationship between God and science? In this study we will only skim the surface of this issue and there are resources on the last page to help in this discussion.

To start you off today ask this question:

What do you think is the relationship between God and science?

In his teaching Mark presented the following graphic about science and God. In a simple form this is a graphic representation of a complementary relationship between science and God.



As you work through this study, keep this relationship in mind.



Into the scriptures

Read: Psalm 139:1-18

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

What does this passage reveal about our understanding? What does it

reveal about God? What does it reveal about humanity?



Into my life



How might a purely scientific view of verses 13-18 change your response to the Bible?

How would a complementary view change your view of this passage? Is there anything in tension between the two? Is there anything that helps bring them together?

What is at the heart of this passage? What is God trying to communicate?

What do we do when science and God conflict? For perspective read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (Remember: this passage is used to encourage followers of Jesus not to be a hammer we swing against anything we disagree with)

How will you be different today because of what you have just read?



Into the world



What threatens our understanding of the conversation between God and science? How can we as followers of Jesus respond in a way that draws people towards God?

Prayer List



Challenge for the week:

From Nehemiah my challenge this week is to:

More Resources for personal and group use:

- Thinking? Answering Life's Five Biggest Questions, by Andy Steiger
- The Atheist Who Didn't Exist, by Andy Bannister
- burningquestions.ca
- Five more "Burning Questions" (five weeks)

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...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

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to celebrate and
learn about God



GROUPS

Weekly meetings that
go deeper in relation-
ships with each other
and God



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and community to
present Jesus to the
world